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Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

MINUTES
December 16, 2009

I. Roll Call:

Present: Ned Chester, Dalene Dutton, Jim Foss, Jacinda Goodwin, Margaret Longworth, Joan McDonald, Adam Royer, Barry Stoodley, Christine Thibeault, Paul Vestal, and Patrick Walsh

Absent: Cathy McLoy Ashland, Richard Brown, Barry Delong, Nickole Demeritt, Carla Fearon, Denise Giles, Jamie Johnson, Charles LaVerdiere, Dan Nichols, Doug Patrick, Shelley Reed

Staff: Kathryn McGloin, Elaine Brann

Guest: Patricia Shorey

II. Minutes:

The minutes for the September 23, 2009 meeting were approved.

Motion: To approve the September 2009 Minutes

Moved: Joan McDonald/Patrick Walsh 2nd

Action: Approved

III Chair Report:

Paul Vestal, JJAG Chair, opened the meeting at 9:07 A.M and gave a brief outline of some of the issues that will be discussed.

- Joan has recommendations on funding.
- Need to talk about DMC
- Both Senators have signed on to the OJJDP Act. Nothing through the House yet, but will send info as soon as there is action.

Paul also brought up the issue of the JJAG Membership list. He stated that the list from the Governor's Office was all messed up and that Kathryn and Belinda have been trying to get the list straightened out. Paul said that he was finally able to set up a meeting with Kathryn and someone from the Governor's Office to update the list. Another youth member is needed and we can also add another adult member. Paul will be sending out three résumés for the Executive Committee to review and make a recommendation to put forward on a youth member.

Paul mentioned that there is still an opening in the Public Safety slot and spoke

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to Commissioner Anne Jordan about having someone attend. She has several people in mind and will get back to Paul at a later date. There was a brief discussion and some suggestions of possible candidates.

Paul said that he read the Cumberland County's Jurisdictional Team Planning parent handbook and thought that it was excellent. Christine stated that the Legal Aid Program section had some problems and needed some revisions.

IV Committee Reports:

Joan gave an update on the Grants Committee report and the recommendations on four grant requests:

1. Mainely Girls – Recommended we not fund this program – project is missing language. A vote was taken not to fund. All in favor – Passed.
2. Passamaquoddy Tribe Case Manager - \$15,000. Committee recommended to fund. A vote was taken. All in favor – Passed.
3. Houlton Band of the Maliseet Indians – Recommend funding for \$30,000 for Boys and Girls Club Program. A vote was taken. All in favor – Passed.
4. Mountain View Youth Development Center - \$880.00 for implementation of sexual behavior modification treatment program using a Vicarious sensitization software program and Video Eyewear Glasses. Committee recommended passing. All in favor – Passed.

Dalene suggested that the JJAG limit proposals to one per year. Kathryn will send something out regarding that suggestion.

V Juvenile Justice Specialist Report – Kathryn McGloin:

Kathryn stated that Tim Piekart had a detailed report on the Compliance Monitoring audits but could not be here to give his report due to an illness in the family. Kathryn gave a brief update on the October federal audit. The Audit included site visits to the northern part of the state and the auditors were very impressed. Kathryn stated that she and Tim also met with Jim Foss in Aroostook County and his audit went very well. Auditors made recommendations. Though no letter on the audit has been received some of the recommended changes have already been made.

Kathryn also reported on the following:

- The October JJDP training in Austin, Texas was excellent and would like Maine to be involved next year.
- Gave an update on DCTAT Reports.
- Discussion on Juvenile Justice Monitoring for court holding facilities. The Act does not say we need to monitor those but OJJDP is saying that we do. JJ Specialist across the nation have gotten together and asked for

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clarification. It is difficult for smaller states with large land areas when they have one compliance monitor.

- Adam Royer, JJAG intern, has just finished his internship.

Adam spoke to the Committee about his internship at JJAG and how much he enjoyed working on various projects. He stated that he liked going out on compliance monitoring and meeting all the people.

VI Federal Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice – Patrick Walsh:

Patrick handed out copies of the Annual Report of the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice 2009. He discussed the amendments and Part F - \$246 million over the next two years. He encouraged members to recommend passage of the OJJDP Act. Patrick also handed out a news release of The Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast which will be aired on MPBN's Maine Watch on December 17 and 18 at 8:30 PM.

Dalene also mentioned that her Star Program was honored by the After School Network and the local Chamber of Commerce presented Star with an award for its outstanding program. Also honored by the After School Network was The Riverview Foundation. Both programs are sponsored by JJAG.

Paul made reference to the Juvenile Justice Summit and stated that there would be a lot more about the Summit coming up. He stated that the report should be out in January or February. JJAG members will be working on it and there will be a lot of legislation coming out of this report. Paul suggested that we add this to our January agenda. A copy will be sent out to everyone. It is still in draft version.

Kathryn stated that the report will be on the Maine Rising website. Ned asked if Kathryn could send out an e-mail with that link. Kathryn responded that she would send that link out to all members.

Paul also reminded everyone to be aware of upcoming budget cuts.

VII Disproportionate Minority Contact Final Report – Ned Chester, Esq.:

Ned Chester gave an outline and overview of the DMC minority report highlighting information in the report.

- Minority group statistics – county by county (except extreme rural areas)
- Arrest and referrals of minority groups.
- Culture of Immigrants – kids having difficulty transitioning
- Accessing Services
- Culture
- Comprehension

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Recommendations contained in the report:

- DMC Coordinator
- DMC Advisory Board
- Focus on the Native American population
- Explore qualitative analysis between African American/African Immigrants
- Monitor the practice of detention in communities with highest minority youth

There were comments and questions regarding the collection of data. No family members or kids were interviewed. Data collection could not differentiate between African Americans and African Immigrants. Human Rights issues were also raised and the fact that there were no interpreters or any material written in their own language.

There was a discussion on what steps need to be taken regarding this information. It was decided that this report was not specific enough to write up an RFP at this time.

The committee then focused on a DMC coordinator and what qualifications and experience would be needed for that position. Paul suggested that Ned and Christine contact Jim Morse from the Portland School Department to get his thoughts and suggestions and then invite him to our January meeting to discuss those suggestions. Once we get that information, Paul will then try to set up a meeting with Ariana and invite people from Androscoggin County.

V III Juvenile Rising Summit – Patrick Walsh:

Patrick stated that since we are out of copies of the 2009 JJAG Annual Report and there are no extras to hand out, he put together a one page guide describing services the JJAG provides and its funding. He suggested that this one page report could be updated from year to year and handed out to the Legislature. He also encouraged feed back from committee members. Patrick also distributed the G.E.A.R. booklet from National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, on tips for families to use as a guide when working with police during a family crisis situation.

VIV Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11: 47 A.M.

The next meeting will be held at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy on January 27, 2010 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

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